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My name is Phil Pappas and I am Executive Director of the Connecticut Brewers Guild which is comprised of 122 beer manufacturers and are grateful to be able to offer today's testimony supporting and requesting modifications to HB5328, HB5330, and HB5331 regarding related statutes to the Liquor Control Act

HB5330: Supportive language for food availability and delivery at CT Craft Café's

We like thank the committee for offering language in HB5330 that would allow CT Craft Café permit holders to keep food available during the majority of the hours the premises are open and either offer the food directly on site or through a third party such as delivery service. As the rising cost of food equipment, ingredients and the labor shortage continue, all while breweries are coming out of the two plus years of the pandemic, having the ability for customers to support local restaurants and food establishments is greatly supported by our industry. We appreciate the ability to continue working with our industry partners, restaurants, and food trucks to provide high quality and delicious food to our patrons.

HB5331: Supportive language for Collaboration beer and new festival permit

We'd like to thank the committee for adopting language to allow breweries who hold the CT Craft Café permit to sell other breweries products when collaborating with one another. As you know, we have a very cohesive and collaborative industry where breweries are always working together, sharing ideas, recipes, and strive to raise each other up through marketing and promotion. Throughout the state, you'll be able to find multiple breweries who get together to jointly brew a beer that they would like to sell and promote at their establishments, most of the time donating a portion of the proceeds to a local charity and raising awareness of a cause, and we're happy that the committee has adopted language to reflect these allowances.

We appreciate the committee and departments efforts in streamlining the festival permit process. As an event organizer ourselves who puts on a large beer festival, we appreciate the undertaking of modernizing the liquor permit process to hold a beer festival in the state and are willing to work with the department to draft this language.

